



## STATE OF DELAWARE

### DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

#### PLANNING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT UNIT

#### MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO  
ATTN. OF:

Administrative Notice DMMA 06-2012

TO:

All DMMA Staff

DATE:

November 19, 2012

SUBJECT:

2013 SSI Related Income Standards and Medicare Premiums

#### BACKGROUND

The Social Security Administration will implement an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective January 1, 2013. The amount of the COLA is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is derived from changes in the Consumer Price Index. The COLA for 2013 is 1.7 percent.

#### DISCUSSION

The new SSI standard effective January 1, 2013 will be \$710.00 for an individual and \$1066.00 for a couple. The SSI standard is used in setting income standards for Medicaid programs.

The income standard for the 30-day acute care hospital program is equal to the SSI standard.

\$710.00 for an individual

\$1,066 for a couple

The income standard for Long Term Care Programs and the Children's Community Alternative Disability program is equal to 250% of the SSI standard. Effective January 1, 2013 the new income standard for these programs are as follows:

\$1,775.00 for an individual

\$2,665.00 for a couple

Each individual will have \$20.00 of his or her available income disregarded in order to determine eligibility. There is no \$20.00 disregard for "needs" based income such as VA pensions. There is only one \$20.00 disregard from the total combined income for a couple. The new income standards with the \$20.00 disregard added in are:

\$1,795.00 for an individual

\$2,685.00 for a couple

There is no change in the resource limit.

The 2013 Medicare premiums are as follows:

Part A	\$ 441.00	Part B	\$ 104.90
		(For individuals earning less than \$85,000 annually)	

### **ACTION REQUIRED**

DCIS II will be updated with the new income standards.

### **DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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